

COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA
STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION

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AT RICHMOND, October 21, 1998

NOTIFICATION OF

AMVEST OIL & GAS, INC.

CASE NO. PUE980457

To furnish gas service to
Wise Host, Inc., pursuant
to § 56-265.4:5 of the
Code of Virginia

DISMISSAL ORDER

On July 20, 1998, AMVEST Oil & Gas, Inc., ("AOG" or "the Company") notified the State Corporation Commission ("Commission"), pursuant to § 56-265.4:5 of the Code of Virginia of its plans to furnish gas service to Wise Host, Inc. ("Wise Host"). AOG subsequently filed an amendment, dated August 4, 1998, to its notification documents.

According to its notification documents, AOG is a Virginia corporation engaged in the exploration for and production of natural gas. Wise Host is a Virginia corporation engaged in the operation of a hotel located in Wise, Virginia.

On July 27, 1998, the Staff of the State Corporation Commission filed a memorandum advising that the Wise Host's facilities were not located within a territory for which a certificate of public convenience and necessity had been granted

and that, as of the time of receipt of AOG's notification, Wise Host's facilities were not located within any area, territory, or jurisdiction served by a municipal corporation that provided gas distribution service as of January 1, 1992.

On August 7, 1998, the Commission entered an order docketing the proceeding and notifying all public utilities providing service within the Commonwealth of AOG's plans to furnish service to Wise Host. The Commission also found that Wise Host's facilities were not located within a territory for which a certificate of public convenience and necessity had been granted, and that, as of the time of the Commission's receipt of AOG's notification, Wise Hotel's facilities were not located within any area, territory, or jurisdiction served by a municipal corporation that provided gas distribution service as of January 1, 1992.

Sixty days have now elapsed since the entry of the August 7, 1998 Order Docketing Proceeding and Providing Notice, and no jurisdictional public utility has filed an application to provide natural gas service within the area identified in the documents filed as part of the captioned notification.

NOW upon consideration of the foregoing, the Commission is of the opinion and finds that AOG has satisfied the requirements of §§ 56-265.1(b)(4) and -265.4:5 of the Code of Virginia; that

nothing further remains to be done in this proceeding, and that this matter should be dismissed.

Accordingly,

IT IS ORDERED THAT the captioned notification shall be dismissed from the Commission's docket of active proceedings, and the papers filed herein be made a part of the Commission's file for ended causes.